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Supporting Information

Marked Indolyl vs Indolinyl-Substituent Effects on Solid-State Structure, Carrier Mobility and Photovoltaic Efficiency of Asymmetrical Squaraine Dyes

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| Compound | 1a | 1b | |
|--|---|--|--|
| Empirical formula | $C_{40}H_{38}N_2O_4$ | C40H36N2O4 | |
| Formula weight | 610.72 | 608.71 | |
| Temperature | 140.15 K | 143.05 K | |
| Crystal system | monoclinic | monoclinic | |
| Space group | $P2_1/n$ | $P2_1/n$ | |
| a/Å | 13.6013(7) | 7.41851(17) | |
| b/Å | 15.3860(6) | 40.3306(11) | |
| $c/{ m \AA}$ | 15.6472(9) | 11.5514(3) | |
| $lpha/^{\circ}$ | 90.00 | 90.00 | |
| $eta / ^{\circ}$ | 109.803(4) | 99.732(2) | |
| $\gamma/^{\circ}$ | 90.00 | 90.00 | |
| Volume/Å ³ | 3080.8(3) | 3406.36(15) | |
| Ζ | 4 | 4 | |
| $\rho_{calc}mg/mm^3$ | 1.317 | 1.187 | |
| m/mm^{-1} | 0.673 | 0.077 | |
| F(000) | 1296.0 | 1288.0 | |
| Crystal size/mm ³ | $0.08\times0.04\times0.03$ | $0.4\times0.35\times0.3$ | |
| 2θ range for data collection | 7.462 to 139.114° | 5.926 to 52.744° | |
| Index ranges | $-15 \le h \le 16, -18 \le k \le 18,$ | $-9 \le h \le 9, -32 \le k \le 50, -14 \le 1 \le 13$ | |
| Reflections collected | 19712 | 26126 | |
| Independent reflections | 5575 [R(int) = 0.1046] | 6964 [R(int) = 0.0429] | |
| Data/restraints/parameters | 5575/340/498 | 6964/0/431 | |
| Goodness-of-fit on F ² | 1.020 | 1.061 | |
| Final <i>R</i> indexes [I>= 2σ (I)] | $R_1 = 0.0777, wR_2 = 0.2034$ | $R_1 = 0.0561, wR_2 = 0.1460$ | |
| Final <i>R</i> indexes [all data] | $R_1 = 0.1119, wR_2 = R_1 = 0.0666, wR_2 = 0.2364$ 0.1524 | | |
| Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å- 3 | 0.30/-0.27 | 0.25/-0.22 | |

 Table S1. Summary of crystal data, data collection, and refinement parameters for 1a and 1b.



Figure S1. ORTEP drawing (hydrogen atoms removed for clarity, C=blank, N=blue, O=red) of compounds 1a and 1b.

| Bond | Experimental | Calculated | Bond/Torsion | Experimental | Calculated | | |
|---------|--------------|------------|-----------------|--------------|------------|--|--|
| lengths | Experimental | b) | angles | Experimental | b) | | |
| 1a | | | | | | | |
| C37-N2 | 1.465(4) | 1.475 | C36-C24-C35 | 112.5(3) | 111.99 | | |
| N2-C23 | 1.345(4) | 1.366 | C23-C22-C2 | 132.5(3) | 132.65 | | |
| C23-C22 | 1.386(5) | 1.402 | C8-N1-C21 | 120.7(3) | 121.56 | | |
| C22-C2 | 1.384(4) | 1.386 | C8-N1-C11 | 131.6(3) | 127.95 | | |
| C2-C1 | 1.463(4) | 1.474 | C11-N1-C21 | 106.9(3) | 110.48 | | |
| C1-C4 | 1.458(4) | 1.461 | C21-C20-C19 | 104.4(4) | 104.62 | | |
| C4-C3 | 1.450(4) | 1.464 | C19-C18-C17 | 104.1(5) | 104.80 | | |
| C3-C2 | 1.478(4) | 1.481 | C4-C5-C6 | 122.8(3) | 122.18 | | |
| C3-O2 | 1.244(4) | 1.273 | C23-C22-C2-C3 | 5.0(9) | -0.75 | | |
| C1-01 | 1.241(4) | 1.270 | C3-C4-C5-C6 | 0.5(6) | 0.17 | | |
| C4-C5 | 1.419(4) | 1.414 | C1-C4-C5-C10 | 0.0(6) | -0.73 | | |
| C8-N1 | 1.376(4) | 1.389 | C9-C8-N1-C11 | 4.1(6) | 27.02 | | |
| N1-C11 | 1.428(4) | 1.416 | C7-C8-N1-C21 | -6.2(6) | 24.29 | | |
| N1-C21 | 1.518(4) | 1.506 | C8-N1-C21-C20 | 78.2(4) | 60.55 | | |
| 1b | | | | | | | |
| C15-N1 | 1.470(2) | 1.481 | C13-C11-C14 | 113.93(15) | 112.09 | | |
| N1-C12 | 1.341(2) | 1.360 | C12-C19-C20 | 131.40(17) | 132.49 | | |
| C12-C19 | 1.408(2) | 1.408 | C27-N2-C30 | 127.60(15) | 127.03 | | |
| C19-C20 | 1.374(3) | 1.379 | C27-N2-C40 | 125.64(16) | 126.01 | | |
| C20-C23 | 1.472(2) | 1.479 | C30-N2-C40 | 106.69(15) | 106.94 | | |
| C23-C22 | 1.448(3) | 1.457 | C40-C39-C38 | 101.54(15) | 101.09 | | |
| C22-C21 | 1.449(2) | 1.458 | C38-C37-C36 | 102.64(15) | 102.19 | | |
| C21-C20 | 1.490(3) | 1.487 | C22-C24-C25 | 122.44(15) | 121.88 | | |
| C21-O1 | 1.241(2) | 1.271 | C12-C19-C20-C21 | 3.6(4) | 1.18 | | |
| C23-O2 | 1.238(2) | 1.268 | C21-C22-C24-C25 | -5.1(3) | 0.25 | | |
| C22-C24 | 1.433(2) | 1.424 | C28-C27-N2-C40 | 36.0(2) | 40.66 | | |
| C27-N2 | 1.411(2) | 1.414 | C27-N2-C40-C39 | -0.4(3) | -0.15 | | |
| N2-C30 | 1.401(2) | 1.420 | C26-C27-N2-C30 | 33.7(2) | 39.78 | | |
| N2-C40 | 1.397(2) | 1.405 | C23-C22-C24-C29 | -3.8(3) | 0.40 | | |

Table S2. Comparison of calculated geometries of 1a and 1b with experimental datafrom X-ray crystal analysis^{a)}

^{a)} The bond lengths are in angstroms and the angles are in degrees; ^{b)} Calculated in acetonitrile.

The optimized structures for both compounds have been calculated at B3LYP/6-31G(d) level in acetonitrile. Because the experimental data were obtained in condensed solid phase, yet the computational values derived from liquid phase that are free of stacking effects, compared with the experimental data, some of the optimized torsion angles are slightly larger than the corresponding experimental values.



Figure S2. 3D images obtained by tapping-mode AFM of ASQ:PC₇₁BM (1:8, w/w) composite films. Left: **1a**, Right: **1b**.